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Sent: 6/10/2020 12:52:47 PM
To: Paul A Schroeder [schroe@uga.edu]
Subject: A late heads up
Attachments: 200604WashingtonEtAlSciencePFASNJSoils.pdf

Hi Paul,

I hope this won't trouble you, but I wanted to give you a heads up as Head of the Department of Geology and explain myself.

Last Friday, we published a paper in the journal Science -- lucky subject, discovery and timing, albeit unfortunate environmentally. The paper is attached.

As we were running the Science editorial gauntlet, late in the process, the editor told me that *all* author affiliations were required at the front of the article. Science requires this in an effort at transparency to avoid conflict-of-interest surprises. This policy brought up my adjunct affiliation with your department. I informed the editor that the article's work was done at the EPA and UGA had not reviewed/cleared the work for publication. After a back-and-forth, the editor agreed to allow me to list my adjunct status in the paper's Acknowledgments, which I did.

Because the paper reports upon contamination, there was some reporting on it in the popular press. And some of these news reports were written without contacting me or the EPA. In an MSN report, my affiliation was described solely as "adjunct faculty" at UGA geology:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/previously-unidentified-chemicals-discovered-near-south-jersey-pfas-using-plant/ar-BB1533sa>

Evidently, these same authors spent a little more time for their similar report in the Philadelphia Inquirer, because my EPA affiliation is listed first followed by "adjunct faculty" at UGA geology:

<https://www.inquirer.com/science/climate/new-jersey-pfas-chemicals-solvay-plant-dep-20200604.html>

Anyway, I didn't want you to think I was 'dropping names' of your great department purposefully and I hope this doesn't present you with any institutional blowback. Also, I want to apologize – I should have notified you of this issue as it was taking place. I simply had not encountered this issue before and did not think it out in the moment.

In closing, please let me know if I am incorrect in listing my affiliation with your department. (I hope I am correct!) The "UGA Elements" email I received below registering this new article suggests I still am affiliated.

I hope you and family are all well and staying safe—
John

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